

REMARKS

Consistent with the Notice, Applicants have submitted "...only the corrected section of the non-compliant amendment...", i.e., the entire "Amendments to the claims" section of Applicant's Response filed on November 7, 2008. The remaining portions of Applicants' Response are incorporated herein by reference.

Applicant respectfully submits that any deficiencies noted with respect to the proper status identifier of the claims have been addressed and cured, and submit that no new matter has been added. Applicants submit that all claims under consideration are in condition for allowance for all the reasons discussed in Applicant's response to non-final office action, submitted November 7, 2008.

Applicant's undersigned representative telephonically discussed the Notice with the Examiner on January 29, 2009. During the call, the Examiner confirmed that it was acceptable to amend claims 12, 13, 15 and 16 in this response, as suggested on the Continuation sheet in the Notice. Applicant presents relevant claim amendments with this response, and submits that no new matter is introduced by way of these claim amendments. During the call, it was also noted that the Notice indicates that claim 14 is withdrawn (see Continuation sheet). Applicant's undersigned representative understands from the discussion with the Examiner that this is a typographical error and that claim 14 is not withdrawn.

CONCLUSION


In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance, and an early indication of the same is courteously solicited. The Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned by telephone at the below listed telephone number, in order to expedite resolution of any issues and to expedite passage of the present application to issue, if any comments, questions, or suggestions arise in connection with the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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